

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Masakuni NODA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application No.: 10/500,911	)	Examiner: Daniel M. SULLIVAN
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371 (c) Date: July 8, 2004	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 7125
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For: SCREENING METHOD	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated December 12, 2006, the Examiner required  
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a method of screening for a  
prophylactic and therapeutic substance comprising using a protein  
comprising SEQ ID NO: 1;

Group II, claims 14-20, drawn to a method of screening for a  
prophylactic and therapeutic substance comprising using a nucleic acid  
encoding a protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 1;

Group III, claims 12, 13, 21, 22, 32, and 33, drawn to a compound  
that might be obtained by a method of screening for a prophylactic or  
therapeutic substance using a protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 1 or a  
polynucleotide comprising a base sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1;

Group IV, claims 23, 24, and 26, drawn to an antibody against a  
protein represented by SEQ ID NO: 1;

Group V, claims 25 and 27, drawn to a polynucleotide having a complementary base sequence to the base sequence encoding SEQ ID NO: 1;

Group VI, claims 28-31, drawn to a nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO: 5 or 6;

Group VII, claims 34 and 35, drawn to a method of prophylaxis or treatment comprising administering a suppressor of Egr-1; and

Group VIII, claims 36 and 37, drawn to the use of a suppressor of Egr-1 in the manufacture of a medicament.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a method of screening for a prophylactic and therapeutic substance comprising using a protein comprising SEQ. ID. No: 1.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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